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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 20, 2003 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued October 20, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 20, 2003 Office Action was due January 20, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the October 20, 2003 Office Action. The fee for a two month extension of time for a large entity is four hundred twenty dollars (\$420.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time, a response to the October 20, 2003 Office Action is due March 20, 2004. (However, since March 20, 2004 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e., March 22, 2004, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7.) Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the amendment and remarks which follow.

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